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SUBJECT: NIGERIA AIRWAYS AIRCREW TRAINING

REF: (A) LAGOS 257; (B) 77 LAGOS 15036; AND
PREVIOUS

1. DEPT STILL RESEARCHING REFTEL REQUEST. HOPE TO
HAVE PROJECT COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER
RECEIPT OF DATA REQUESTED IN PARA. 3. PLEASE INFORM
APPROPRIATE NIGERIA AIRWAYS (WT) OFFICIALS THEIR NEEDS
HAVE NOT FALLEN ON UNSYMPATHETIC EARS. EACH US AVIATION
ORGANIZATION CONTACTED (TWA, AMERICAN, WESTERN, EASTERN,
UNITED, BRANIFF AND BOEING AND MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS) IS
INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WT ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL OF ENHANCING
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AND SUSTAINING THEIR AIRCREW'S PROFICIENCY LEVELS.
FYI: ONE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS THAT ONLY WESTERN HAS
TRAINING FACILITIES FOR EACH TYPE OF AIRCRAFT UTILIZED
BY WT).

2. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSING WT'S TRAINING NEEDS
WITH US AVIATION COMMUNITY, DEPTOFF LEARNED THAT WT HAS

APPROACHED SEVERAL US AIRLINES ALREADY; AT LEAST ONE (UNITED) HAS PROVIDED THEM TIME/COST BID FOR DC-10 TRAINING; AND EACH HAVE QUESTIONS WHICH MUST BE ANSWERED BEFORE ANY CAN PREPARE A DRAFT TRAINING SYLLABUS AND COST ESTIMATE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ADDITION TO REASSURING WT OF THE US AVIATION COMMUNITY'S DESIRE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE, REQUEST EMB DETERMINE (A) HOW MANY CREW MEMBERS DOES WT ENVISION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING IN CY 1978? (2) WHAT ARE THEIR CURRENT QUALIFICATIONS (I.E. TYPE AIRCREW LICENSE, LICENSING AUTHORITY, TOTAL FLYING TIME, WT AIRCRAFT-TYPE CREW MEMBER NOW FLYING, TOTAL TIME IN THAT AIRCRAFT, FOR FLIGHT ENGINEERS: ARE ENGINEERS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS OR ARE THEY PILOT-ENGINEERS)? (3) FOR EACH CREW MEMBER WT DESIRES TO UNDERGO TRAINING IN CY 78, INDICATE WHETHER GROUND SCHOOL TRAINING PERTAINING TO AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS IS DESIRED AT REFRESHER LEVEL OR AT INITIAL TRAINING LEVEL (THE FORMER IS BRIEF-GENERALLY ONE WEEK-AND PRESUPPOSES A GOOD WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE AIRCRAFT; THE LATTER IS LONGER-GENERALLY 4 WEEKS-AND ASSUMES LITTLE OR NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE AIRCRAFT); AND (4) FOR PILOTS, INDICATE WHAT TYPE FLIGHT DIRECTOR EACH USES WHILE FLYING WT AIRCRAFT; AND (5) FINALLY, WHAT KIND OF TRAINING SCHEDULE DOES WT DESIRE FOR CY 1978 (I.E. 2 PILOTS/2 ENGINEERS PER MONTH

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PER AIRCRAFT TYPE)?

4. PARA 9 REFTTEL B IS OF CONCERN TO FAA. BEFORE THEY CAN FOLLOW-UP ON ALLWELL-BROWN'S CRITICISM, FAA REQUESTS EMB FIND OUT FROM HIM HOW MANY PILOTS ARE INVOLVED, THEIR NAMES, WHEN DID THEY GRADUATE AND WHAT RATING WERE THEY AWARDED UPON COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING COURSE. CHRISTOPHER

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